REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	25 November 1999
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Ravers Volume 4 Issue 10
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Galaxy Publications
Editor:	David Spenser
Format:	Magazine
Country of Origin:	UK
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:

Trailers: Running time:

Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The publication *Ravers Volume 4 Issue 10* is classified as objectionable.

The magazine tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes and also tends to promote and support the use of urine in association with sexual conduct. Young people are exploited in the photo stories and advertisements. One photo story features a young looking female whose dress and coy demeanour, assisted by the manner in which she is described in the text, present her as a young person. Various individual elements of this presentation as a young person, such as youthful physical appearance, demeanour, clothing and textual references, are also present in all of the other photo stories. Three of the advertisements for sexual services refer to schoolgirls and therefore will include young persons. Even where the text refers to the females being just over the age of seventeen, the vulnerability, youthfulness, virginity and inexperience of the youthful females presented remains a focus of the magazine. Such females are offered for the sexual titillation and arousal of the reader, who is often invited to picture himself as the initiator of a youthful person's first or early sexual experience.

The use of urine in association with sexual conduct occurs in the advertisements for sexual services. Some of the references are difficult to interpret as anything but urination and fullness of the bladder. There is also a photograph of a female with associated text which implies that she has urinated onto her underpants. The clear innuendo used in these advertisements meets the test of tending to promote and support the use of urine in association with sexual conduct.

The magazine has been found to tend to promote and support activities listed under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 namely s3(2)(a) and s3(2)(d). These activities involve the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes, and the use of urine for sexual purposes. The magazine is therefore deemed to be objectionable. The provisions of s3(2) override s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 because they cannot be given a meaning consistent with the rights and freedoms contained within s14 of that Act.

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